

REMARKS

Pursuant to Rule 1.312, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Office issued a Notice of Allowability on 2 May 2008, allowing claims 1, 6, 8-12, 17, and 19-22. Payment of the Issue Fee is due on 4 August 2008. Applicants thank the Office for the allowance.

Applicants are seeking to amend claims 1 and 10 as shown above in the Listing of Claims. Applicants are submitting this amendment prior to the due date for paying the Issue Fee.

On 29 January 2008, the undersigned Attorney for Applicants and his co-counsel Marlene Klein participated in an Examiner's Interview with Examiner Lay regarding the final Office Action dated 31 October 2007. In the Interview, Examiner Lay indicated that various objections to Applicants' prior filed amendment to the specification were based on the use of the word "original" not being present in the specification as originally filed. The participants discussed changing "original" to "input", and the Examiner agreed that such would resolve the objections. The participants also discussed independent claim 1, in particular changing "original" to "input", and the usage of the term "corresponding". The participants also discussed removing the phrase "corresponding to the first color value" from claim 1 for added clarity. The Examiner agreed that such changes to claim 1 would cure the rejections with respect to 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. The other claims in the application were not specifically discussed except to note that if amended similarly to the proposed amendments to claim 1, the pending rejections would be cured. A fuller statement of the issues discussed in the Interview is provided in the Amendment filed on 29 February 2008, and moreover, the Examiner also prepared a Summary of the Interview which was mailed to Applicants on 31 January 2008.

On 29 February 2008, Applicants filed the above-identified Amendment which, among other things, changed "original" to "input" at various places, including the claims. However, upon further review of the application, Applicants have now identified two instances in the claims where such changes were not made. These instances occur in claims 1 and 10. Applicants are accordingly seeking to amend claims 1 and 10 by

changing “original” to “input” at the aforementioned instances. As the Examiner has already agreed to such changes, Applicants believe that no additional search or examination will be required. Further, Applicants submit that the amended claims 1 and 10, indeed all of the claims, remain patentable and are fully supported by the specification and drawings.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request consideration of these amendments and the remarks. The Examiner may call the Applicants’ representative at the number provided below if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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